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MPEP section 1450 states: "(t)he Office will not allow claims in a reissue application which does not correct any error in the original patent. Once a divisional reissue application containing the added claims is examined and becomes allowable, the examiner will rejoin the two sets of examined and allowable claims into a single reissue application for issuance. Unless applicant requests to the contrary prior to the examiner's rejoinder of the claims, the claims will be rejoined in the first reissue application (containing the pending original patent claims), and the divisional reissue will be held abandoned."

Divisional reissue application S.N. 10/319,491 has been filed containing the method claims 13-39 that have been non-elected and cancelled in the present application. The original patent claims in the present application have been examined and have been found again to be allowable. As stated in MPEP section 1450. The original patent claims in the present reissue application cannot be allowed because the present application does not correct any error in the original patent. Therefore, in accordance with MPEP section 1450, prosecution in the present application is hereby suspended to await examination in the divisional reissue application S.N. 10/319,491 of added method claims 13-39.

Ex parte prosecution in the present application is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter to await the outcome of the examination in the divisional reissue application S.N. 10/319,491. In accordance with MPEP section 1450, if the added claims in S.N. 10/319,491 are found to be allowable, unless applicant requests otherwise, the added allowable claims in S.N. 10/319,491 will be rejoined in the present application, the present application will then be issued and S.N. 10/319,491 will be held abandoned.

If the suspension is not lifted before the expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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